Syracuse, N.Y.
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My very dear Friend

I learn from the newspapers that you are coming west on a lecturing tour. I am delighted to know it. The people will hear you gladly in every city and large town, excepting the Copperheads

Of course you mean to visit me and to lecture in Syracuse. And if I can help you to make arrangements for lecturing in other places I will do so most cheerfully.

I shall go to New York, D.V. on the 21st inst – shall preach in Brooklyn on the

22. and officiate at Joseph's marriage on the 24th. It is probable I shall return on the 25th or 26th but I may not until the 30, unless your visit here is to take place at that time.

Please let me know exactly when we may expect you — and whether I can do any thing to further the plan of your journey. —

The aspect of our country is in my view very dark. If you can dissipate the clouds I shall rejoice. It seems to me as far as he can, that Mr Johnson is giving back the government of the rebel states — and the

disposal of the colored population out of the hands of the slaveholding aristocracy. — The Democratic party is renewing its alliance with that aristocracy. And the Republicans have not the courage to stand by the principles which they have been providentially and logically obliged to avow. Gen. Sherman is to be the next candidate of the Democrats for the Presidency. He is a Roman Catholic. All the Rom. Catholics will go for him — and then ——— but I will not prophesy.

God reigns and all will come right sooner or later though I fear not

until we have had another civil war —

How shamefully Connecticut has acted. I feel that I did not live in that State wholly for naught when I read that Windham County voted for the enfranchisement of the colored population. —

I hope and trust that dear Helen continues to improve. Give my love to her — and to Fanny and William & Ellen and George and Frank and Aunt Charlotte

Yours truly, lovingly

Sam'l J. May.

My son John Edward is engaged to a very fine young lady of Albion a Miss Kate Horton. She is really first rate —

Annesley,
Aigburth.

Liverpool Octr 12. 1877.

My dear friend—

270 I must write a few lines to tell you how much we were delighted yesterday on receiving the excellent Cabinet-Portrait you have kindly ordered to be sent to us & to thank you for thus remembering us— I must candidly say that we think indeed value it most highly and are glad to possess— so admirable a likeness of one whom we esteem so much & of whom it will be so pleasant to be constantly reminded—

We have a most pleasant remembrance
of the two little visits you & your son
paid to us during the last Summer
(both two short—) and trust that
we may sometime have the
pleasure of seeing you again—
My dear wife and Miss Pearson
also desire to unite in very Kind
remembrance to you and your son
with my dear friend
Yours very sincerely
W Brookfield

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